

Table 6-7. Constraints Imposed by Special-Area Designations and Their Implications

Special-Area Designation	Use Disallowed	Management and Environmental Implications	Management Alternatives Precluded
Wilderness Study Area (Alternatives 7A, 7B)	Forest restoration	With most extensive designation (Alternative 7A), forest restoration would be limited to early-successional stands in Elkhead Springs area, or about 25% of stands that would otherwise be treated (figure 5-2); joining of central and eastern old-growth groves could be accelerated, but expansion of old-growth in other directions would not be; substantial fire hazards would remain untreated ^a	2A or 2B in substantial areas
		With less extensive designation (Alternative 7B), all forest restoration under consideration could occur, except that high-fire-hazard pole stand intruding into central old-growth grove could not be treated (figure 5-2) ^b	None
	Bicycle use	Bicycle use of existing Salmon Creek Trail would be precluded under both designations (figure 5-2)	5A
Wild and Scenic River (Alternative 8A)	None other than those disallowed by the proposed plan	None	None
State of California Ecological Reserve (Alternative 9A)	Firearm possession ^b	Would provide legal authority to ban hunting from Reserve	None
	Camping ^b	Public camping is proposed only if north-south connecting trails were opened; this use and camping of researchers would be precluded by state ecological reserve designation; this designation would avoid the potential for camping to attract corvids that may prey on nesting marble murrelets	4A
	Campfires ^b	Would provide legal authority to ban campfires from Reserve, which would decrease the potential for wildfire ignition	None
	Swimming ^b	Would preclude water contact activities along Elk River corridor and elsewhere, which would probably provide minor or no benefit to aquatic habitats and species	None
	Aircraft or hovercraft ^b	Would provide the legal authority to ban overflights at Reserve, thereby enhancing Reserve suitability for nesting murrelets, owls, and other birds, as well as wildlife in general	None
Area of Critical Environmental Concern/ Research Nature Area	None other than those disallowed by the proposed plan	Highlights the Reserve resources for special management of critical values and encourages use as a research resource	None

^a Actual wilderness designation by Congress could make allowances for forest and watershed restoration within certain timeframes.

^b These uses are normally precluded, but could be specifically allowed in the designation action of California Fish and Game Commission.

